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Memorandum to Commandant Jean D'Olonne, French Liaison Officer in Salzburg

Subject: Baron Dr. Tibor COLLAS, born 18 Oct 1892

1. Subject, who resides at Innsbruck, Tempelstrasse 6, has been briefly in contact with us in connection with an attempt to develop information on a factory in the Tyrol which delivers critical items of production to Satellite buyers. Previously, he had come to our attention through his efforts to emigrate and an investigation of various allegations against him was conducted for the agencies controlling emigration.

2. Recently, a number of reports have been received that Subject, frequently referred to as a French agent, is controlled by the Soviet and/or Hungarian intelligence service. Among them is a plausible report that Subject operates under the direction of a Lt. Col. fnu PETROV, who is located in Vienna and is reported to be conducting espionage against western intelligence offices; PETROV is thought to be a pseudonym.

3. In possible support of the theory that Subject is controlled by an enemy service, we note two circumstances:

a. In October 1945 Subject, who had been under arrest in Austria and Germany for war crimes committed in Hungary, was returned to Budapest for trial. After a period of imprisonment he was convicted in February 1947 of collaboration with the Germans and of sundry atrocities. He received a sentence of two years' imprisonment, was released in October 1947, and on 2 November 1947 was able to leave Hungary with a large quantity of personal baggage and come to Austria. We consider the extraordinary leniency of his sentence and the ease of his escape from Hungary, which was apparently accomplished with the aid of Hungarian authorities, as indications that he may at that time have been under control of a Hungarian or Soviet service which facilitated his entry into Austria in order that he might operate against the Western powers.

b. Subject volunteered to us information on French Intelligence in the Tyrol. The information does not appear either accurate or comprehensive, but it may represent a portion of that which Subject has collected for passage to his Russian or Hungarian superior. Following is the information which Subject volunteered:

(1) Chief of Staff and controlling officer of the so-called Bureau de Circulation in Innsbruck is Lt. Col. fnu MONEGLIA. The Bureau de

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Circulation, partially identical with B/Doc (Bureau de Documentation), reports to S.D.E.C.E., but includes working sections of various French intelligence and counter-intelligence services. Working under Lt. Col. MONEGLIA are Col. fmu NOBILI, Col. fmu LEPAGNOL, Col. fmu MOREIGNE, Major DE BOISREDON, Captain SACHET, and Captain Eugene COMBES alias ZIMPFER. Captain COMBES is married to an Austrian Lia OBEXER, residing at Lens. He formerly employed one fmu ACHER, who was arrested for theft and transferred. Also working under Lt. Col. MONEGLIA are a Captain fmu PETIT in Innsbruck, whose brother is a Colonel in the staff of the Deuxieme Bureau in Paris, and a Captain SOTO, who operates in Seefeld and has an intelligence connection with an office in Munich. The chief of the Surete is one fmu COMBES, who replaced fmu AUBERT, now in France. Deputy to COMBES is a Commissar fmu PIETRI, who employs one fmu SAUER.

(2) Austrian agents employed by French intelligence include the following:

(a) Edie WISSER, of the film branch of an unidentified office, who travelled to Spain and France last year in his Mercedes automobile together with COMBES of B/Doc.

(b) General LAHOUSEM of Seefeld.

(c) Countess Alice WALTERSKIRCHEN, nee SPAGNIK, residing in Dornbirn; former mistress of Admiral HORTHY; worked for Abwehr during the war in Hungary; has one child; has been sent by French intelligence to Bonn, where she has opened a fashion salon.

(d) Felicie STEINBRECHER; married; Secretary of the Oesterreichische Liga der Vereinten Nationen; leftist; good connections within the Surete; travels in France, Germany; travels to Vienna.

(e) Baron Fritz OZERNIG; residing at Rattenberg; close friend of Captain fmu DENISE.

(f) Dr. Josef REMENYI, Dipl. Ing.; residing Innsbruck, Schmerlingstrasse 8; until recently, a Czech national who travelled to CSR with Czech passport; now Austrian citizen with Austrian passport procured by his good friend Dr. fmu JUNG, Polizeidirektor of Innsbruck; subject of extradition request by Hungarian government on charges of fraud; has applied for emigration to the USA claiming to be Volksdeutsch.

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(g) Mrs. Dr. Marlies TOMOV, divorced wife of Bulgarian national TOMOV; German citizen; formerly mistress of Col. AUBERT; drives own Volkswagen; ex-husband was refused entry to USA because of suspicion of Communist sympathies; travels in Italy, Switzerland, Germany; now intimate friend of COMBES of Surets.

4. We have severed contact with Subject. Since he travels frequently through the US Zone of Austria and since he continuously attempts to elicit information from US personnel with whom he comes in contact, however, we retain a security interest in him. We therefore request any information on Subject which you may have.

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